

## Senate Resolution 1229

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th and James of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Eric Vincent Thomas on the occasion of his sixth  
2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Eric Vincent Thomas has long been recognized for his active  
4 leadership roles in his community and throughout this state and his deep commitment to  
5 spreading the Word of God to others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas has diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents,  
7 and energy for six years to uplifting and inspiring the congregation of St. Peter Missionary  
8 Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, he attended North Carolina A&T State University, where he studied political  
10 science, and the Interdenominational Theological Center and Carver Bible College; and

11 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas accepted the Lord's call to spread the Word at St. Peter  
12 Missionary Baptist Church with his first sermon on September 30, 1990, and was ordained  
13 to preach the gospel in 2005; and

14 WHEREAS, he served in various ministries at Emanuel Baptist Church and was called to  
15 serve as the fifth pastor of St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church on March 7, 2004; and

16 WHEREAS, during his time leading St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, the church has  
17 grown into a phenomenal place of worship, uplifting the community like the light of  
18 Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

19 WHEREAS, in the last six years, Reverend Thomas has added 24 hours of corporate prayer  
20 to the intercessory prayer ministry, established the Go Ye Revival and the S.W.A.T.  
21 Evangelism Team, started the Nehemiah Classes, re-organized the Christian Education

22 Ministry, extended the Youth Ministry to include Saturday youth witnessing classes, and  
23 revived the Children's Church and the couples, men, and women's ministries; and

24 WHEREAS, a talented author, Reverend Thomas has been published in *The Atlanta-Journal*  
25 *Constitution* and published his first book in 2008, *God's Certain Word in an Uncertain*  
26 *World*; and

27 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Anita,  
28 and he has been blessed with two wonderful sons, Eric and Noah; and

29 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Thomas is a source of  
30 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
32 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
33 on behalf of persons in need.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 commend Reverend Eric Vincent Thomas for his service to the Lord and the congregation  
36 of St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church and congratulate him on the occasion of his sixth  
37 pastoral anniversary.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Eric Vincent Thomas.